## Hampton Roads CMS Data and Applications



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## The Hampton Roads Region

- 10 cities, 6 counties
- Over 1.5 million residents
- Home to 25% of the nation's military
- One of the largest ports on the East Coast
- Tourist destination











## The Hampton Roads Region

- Topography produces a diverse transportation system
  - 5 tunnel facilities
  - Drawbridges
  - Ferries
  - Port facilities
  - Fewer collectors, busier arterials











## The Hampton Roads Region

- Regional transportation system affected by many factors
  - 4-lane tunnel facilities often carry over 100,000 vehicles/day
  - Ports produce high truck volumes
  - Traffic fluctuates greatly due to tourist volumes, military deployments
  - Many jurisdictions = Many visions for transportation system



## Congestion Management System

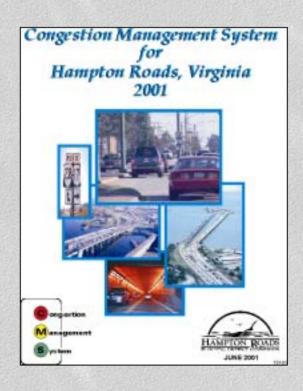
- Required by TEA-21 legislation in all Transportation Management Areas (Population > 200,000)
- Ongoing effort to identify, develop, evaluate, and implement the most effective transportation strategies to reduce congestion and enhance mobility
- First Hampton Roads CMS report released in October 1995

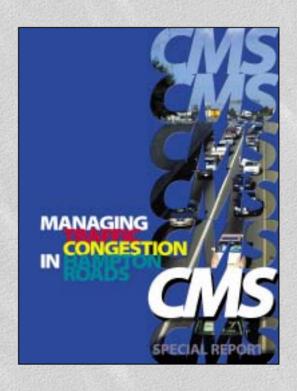
#### **CMS Network**

- 1,163 centerline miles and 4,169 lanemiles of roadway in CMS network
- Includes most of the thoroughfare system (minor arterials and above)
- Over 30 million daily vehicle-miles of travel on the CMS network
- Includes future network coverage as well

# Congestion Management System

- Third edition of report released June 2001.
- Recently released CMS Special Report for mass distribution





## Hampton Roads CMS Report Components

- Regional Historical Transportation Trends
  - VMT
  - Vehicle Registrations
  - Vehicle Occupancy Rates
  - HOV Lane Usage
  - Transit
- Regional and National Comparisons
- Bridge and Tunnel Trends
- Congestion Analysis

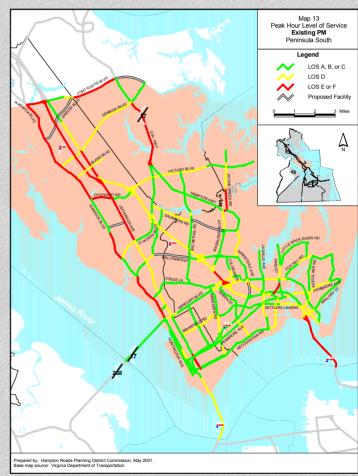


## **Congestion Analysis**

 Morning and afternoon levelsof-service based on various

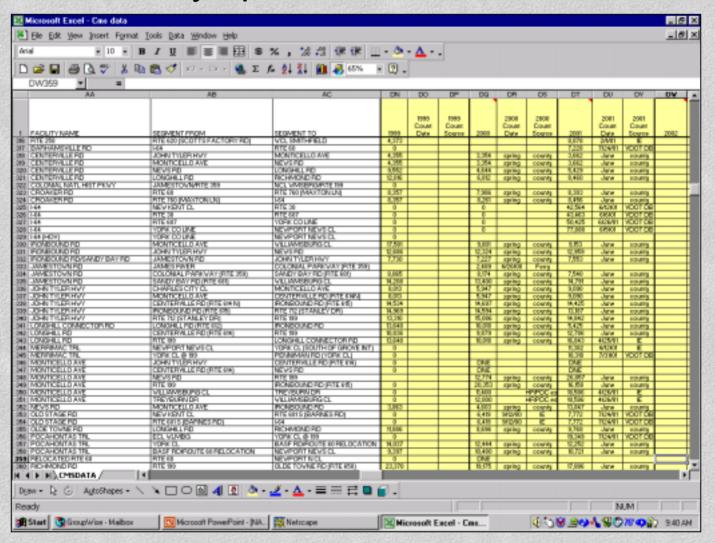
traffic and roadway characteristics

- Regional CMS database
- Florida LOS software



#### **CMS** Database

Continuously updated Excel file



#### **CMS** Database

- Data for all 1,300+ roadway segments
  - Historical, existing, and projected traffic volumes
  - Traffic characteristics (peaking factors)
  - Roadway characteristics (# of lanes, lane width, # of signals, speed limit, functional class, etc.)
  - Planned and programmed roadway improvements
  - Peak hour congestion levels
  - Roadway IDs for importing VDOT traffic counts
  - Mapping IDs for GIS/Long Range Plan connectivity
- Other files include HOV data, occupancy data, accident data, travel time data, etc.

## How do we get all this data?

- Data collected from a variety of sources
  - VDOT (raw counts from various programs, roadway characteristics, HOV data, etc.)
  - Locality count programs
  - Bridge-Tunnel facilities
  - Special studies
- PDC data
  - Classification counts for select locations
  - Travel time

## **Manipulating Data**

- Data requires significant manipulation
  - Significant amount of data formatting required before importing into Excel file
  - Various data formats
    - Various VDOT traffic count programs
    - Various jurisdiction traffic count programs
  - Significant amount of data is not usable
    - Requires both automated and manual check of results

- Congested Locations
  - In-depth corridor-level analysis of selected congested locations
  - Recommend short term remedies
    - Transportation System Management (TSM)
      - Signal timings
      - -ITS
    - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
      - Ridesharing
      - HOV usage
      - Transit



- Travel Time Collection
  - Collect for CMS network every five years
  - Updated in 2000 to GPS and GIS technology
  - Historical trends
  - Evaluate impacts of transportation improvements on travel time
  - Contours



- Safety
  - Freeway incident study
    - VDOT Smart Traffic Center incident database
    - Location and duration of incidents
    - Effectiveness of Incident Response Team



- Accident Study (ongoing)
  - Analyze accident numbers and rates on freeway segments and at all significant intersections throughout the CMS network
  - Requires extensive data collection and manipulation to produce regional accident database
    - Almost 90,000 reported accidents in the region over the 3-year period
    - Each jurisdiction maintains their own accident data with varying levels of usability



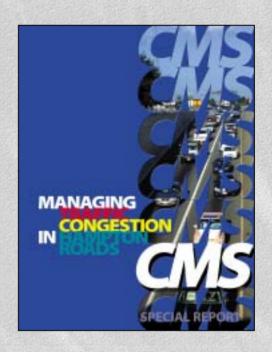
### **Benefits of CMS Data**

- Identify regional transportation trends
- Identify congested areas
  - Examine locations for possible short term remedies
  - Aids in allocation of CMAQ/RSTP funds
  - Aids in development of Long Range Plan
- Identify effectiveness of traffic mitigation strategies

### **Benefits of CMS Data**

- Identify dangerous locations
  - Why are they dangerous?
  - Aids in procuring grants for safety improvements
- Resource available for localities, special studies, data requests, etc.
  - In process of making data available on HRPDC website
- Fulfills federal requirements

### Questions?



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